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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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The oldest membership roll of this church contains names of people from Diamond City, Harker's Island, present-day Stacy and Sea Level. The folks from Diamond City and Harker's Island came here, staying with friends and relatives for weeks to visit and to worship.

Therefore, it only seems proper to dedicate this booklet, incomplete as it is, to all of those faithful souls: our fathers, our mothers, our grandparents, our great-great-grandparents; to the faithful members and friends of this church; to the pastors and their families; and to our children and our grandchildren.

We celebrate with gladness, thanking Almighty God for our heritage and the freedom to worship, hoping to leave a portion of this heritage to future generations. May we, with God's blessing, leave it in your hands.

Weldon Salter
Clara B. McGirk
Rev. Tom Supplee, pastor

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou has done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. Isaiah 25:1

FOREWORD

Today, as we celebrate the centennial of the Sea Level United Methodist Church, we will look back to the beginning of this church in our community and reminisce about some of the people who have been a part of it.

A hundred years ago the people who lived in this area were isolated because their only means of travel was by boat to the nearest town, Beaufort. The main occupation was fishing.

This community has been known by many names in the past. It was a part of the Hunting Quarter Township and was called Mill Point or Nelson's Neck. It did not have a name until a post office was established here.

In 1873 the post office was known as the Mill Point Post Office. From 1880 to 1883 the post office was called the Atlantic Post Office but it was moved to the present community of Atlantic which took the name with it.

In 1891 the community was named Wit which was used until 1915 at which time it was named Sea Level.

Some of the folks who lived here as early as 1850 have told of the many protracted meetings held under brush arbors or in homes. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that Methodist circuit riders held meetings here much earlier than the year 1882.

Also, it should be noted that this church is one of the few on Core Sound that was apparently established under the Pamlico Mission, as the deed for the land refers to the Pamlico Mission.

MANN'S CHAFEL 1882 - 1914

The land for the first church building was given by deed on the 17th day of October A.D. 1882 by Henry S. Willis and Lovey Willis his wife of Carteret County, North Carolina, to W. B. Hancock, M. R. Fulcher, Wallace Willis, Robert Whitehurst and S. W. Hancock, trustees of church property of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Pamlico Mission, Newbern District, North Carolina Conference of said church. (See Appendix A, page 49)

The land contained one-fourth of an acre located on Core Sound about half way between Drum Point and where the T. A. Taylor & Sons Company is located today.

The following item appeared in the North Carolina Conference Proceedings of Tuesday, December 4, 1883, in a Report of the Board of Church Extension:

"The application from Nelson's Neck, Core Sound Mission, New Berne District, for one hundred dollars was granted."

The first church building was built in 1884 by local carpenters. It was a large wooden structure with wooden steps and with the front door facing Core Sound.

It did not have a steeple. Kerosene wall lamps were used for light and, because the southwest wind would extinguish the lights during night meetings, another door was placed at the rear side of the building looking towards the east. Today there is no recollection as to what kind of heat, if any, was used in the building.

The church was called Mann's Chapel for Presiding Elder J. E. Mann.

Before the church building was completed, meetings were held in the home of Samuel and Nancy Salter and also in the home of Jack and Melissa Lewis. It is recalled that Melissa Lewis (1838-1894) took an active part in organizing this church. She could sail a boat and she would take trips up the Neuse River to Newberne to attend to church matters. We have been unable to find a document in the church records concerning when the church was actually organized and, therefore, the earliest record is the deed for the land which was drawn up in 1882.

The first pastor in our record was Rev. T. J. Browning. Charter members who joined the church in 1883-1884 are: John W. Lewis, Melissa D. Lewis, Wilson Salter, Rachael A. Salter, Mary Salter, Bethena Willis, Fulford Willis, Alvenia Willis, Julia Salter, Catherine Salter, Margaret Salter, Elizabeth Salter, Joseph E. Salter, Samuel Salter, Richard J. Salter, Sarah H. Salter and Dianna Salter.

Early officers of the church were:
Stewards: Wallace Willis, Joseph E. Salter and Edward Nielsen. Trustees:

John W. Rose, Wallace Willis and John W. Lewis. The first Sunday School was organized by Weinstein Lewis.

Mann's Chapel was a vital part of community life. The meetings were well attended with people traveling by horse/cart, boat and walking. A dear sister who is remembered today was Mrs. Joseph Taylor - Miss Poll as she was called - who always came to the meetings with a lantern in her hand to light her way home after the night service, which was a distance of about two miles. People from other communities came to the meetings by boat from Stacy, Harker's Island, Atlantic and from Diamond City on Cape Lookout.

Many stories have been passed down about Mann's Chapel. Mrs. Nettie Salter, Mrs. Angeline Taylor and Mrs. Vivian Fulcher have vivid recollections today of the church building and of the services held there. They had great revivals and the people were uninhibited and not at all reluctant to shout their love for Jesus and give thanks to Almighty God. Both men and women shouted and one convert, as he was going to the Altar to accept Christ as his Savior, shouted, "Come on and go with me, Pappy, I am bound for The Promised Land."

Mrs. Angeline Taylor and Mrs. Vivian Fulcher remember seeing their first Christmas tree in Mann's Chapel when they were about four or five years old, which would be in 1902-1903.

Mr. Edward Nielsen was in charge of a Christmas program, and a very large holly tree was cut from the woods and

placed in the church. The tree was decorated with apples, oranges, hair ribbons and mesh bags of candy. There were gifts under the tree for all of the people in the community and some families received gifts of food. Miss Angeline remembers a portion of the verse she recited at the program and that her gift from the tree was a small plate with kitten faces painted on it. Mrs. Nettie Salter remembers that she played the organ for the program and that she received two gifts from the tree: a small vase, which is displayed in her home today, and a small jug. She also recalls that people from Atlantic came to the program.

Rev. Joseph M. Carraway served as our pastor at various times and has been remembered by the people with love and respect. His home was located on Adams' Creek near Merrimon and he would walk through the Open Grounds to serve his churches in Sea Level and Atlantic. He was a great revival preacher and, according to the membership record of the church, from 1896 to 1904 fifty-one members were added to the roll by Brother Carraway.

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"From His Lighthouse Evermore"

In August 1896, John W. Styron, Bartolet Salter, John W. Salter and his brother Joseph Salter, Micajah Rose and Henry Willis went to the landing near Mann's Chapel early in the evening to go fishing. They put their nets on three skiffs so that they might leave early in order to return before revival services

ended that night.

It was an ideal night for mullet fishing - calm and clear. The atmosphere was so clear, in fact, that the inshore beam of the Diamond City light could be seen flashing in the distance. They had been fishing quite a while when the church service began in Mann's Chapel and they could hear the hymn-singing.

They brought their nets together after one last set. Pulling the nets in with the fish they had caught, they decided to go ashore and attend the last portion of this final night of the revival. Also, some of them could walk home with their wives and children, and others with their sweethearts.

On landing, they made their way up the path to Mann's Chapel. They were barefooted and wearing wet clothing except Joseph Salter who was wearing boots, and John W. Styron who had one trouser leg rolled up.

The invitational hymn was being sung and the minister, Rev. Joseph M. Carraway, was giving the invitation. These six men, due to the church being full, stood at the rear. The hymn, "Just As I Am" by William B. Bradbury, was being sung:

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thou blood was shed for
me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to
Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

As the hymn was being sung, John W. Styron, one trouser leg up, one down, led the way and they all went forward "just as they were" to accept Christ as their personal Savior. The very walls must have vibrated with the singing and shouting on into the night. Thirty-three people affiliated with the church during this revival, including the wives of Micajah and Henry.

Three years later almost to the day in August 1899 all six of these men were drowned in a hurricane near Cedar Island on Pamlico Sound.

In addition to the above, four other fishermen from Sea Level and three fishermen from Stacy were drowned -- thirteen men and boys leaving eleven widows and twenty-three children.

The church and the surrounding communities mourned with and for these widows and orphans, contributing to their welfare as they were able for many years.

The ten fishermen from this community who drowned were: Bartelet Salter; John W. Salter (the husband of Melinda); Joseph Salter (the husband of Julia); Micajah Rose (the husband of Emily); Henry Willis (the husband of Caroline Rose); John W. Styron (the husband of Rachael); James Willis (brother of Henry Willis); John and Joseph Lewis (brothers); and William Henry Salter

(the 15 year old son of Joseph E. and Elizabeth Salter).

Daughters of four of the men are living today. They are: Mrs. Emma Styron Fulcher, the daughter of John W. Styron; Mrs. Vivian Lewis Fulcher, the daughter of John Lewis; Mrs. Robena Lewis Mason, the daughter of Joseph Lewis; and Mrs. Beatrice Salter Nelson, the daughter of John W. Salter.

by Weldon Salter

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Rev. Lawrence O. Wyche, who was pastor in 1900, was standing in Wallace Willis' store on March 12, 1900 when he suddenly collapsed and died. John W. Rose and Wallace Willis took care of his body until a casket could be brought from Beaufort by the mail boat. He was buried in Ocracoke.

In addition to serving the people as a church, Mann's Chapel was also used as a school house when Mrs. Lillian Foreman from Roxboro, North Carolina, was the teacher. Miss Mamie D. Salter also taught there one year when she was a young woman.

William H. Rose and Amanda Willis were married in Mann's Chapel April 11, 1903 by Rev. L. E. Sawyer.

Elijah Salter and Nettie Lewis were married in Mann's Chapel October 5, 1907 by Rev. F. S. Becton.



The Methodist Episcopal Church, South. (Mann's Chapel) 1903

Back Row, l. to r.: Polly Ann Lewis; Alvenia Willis; Euphemia Nielsen; Ella Salter; Joseph E. Salter; unidentified visitor; Eugene Gaskill; Hully Willis; Kelly Mason; Norman Gaskill; Elwarren Salter; Tom Latham; Elijah Taylor; Harry Willis; Elijah Salter; Martin Fulcher; Washington Gaskill; Weinstein Lewis; Kilby Salter; Edward Nielsen; Elizabeth Salter; Sarah Lewis; Julia Salter; Melvina Salter; Mary Salter; Henrietta Salter; Freeman Salter; and Jeff Taylor.

Second Row, l. to r.: Standing, Alonzo Willis; Seated: Alvenia Salter holding Della on lap; Mary Etta Lewis; Mollie H. Salter holding Nannie on lap; Estelle Mason; Bertie Mason; Sabra D. Rose; Leah Frances Salter Fulford; Helen Salter holding Georgia on lap; Sophronia Salter; Mamie D. Salter; Minnie Rose; Frances Rose holding Vivian on lap; Nettie Lewis holding Lacy Lewis on lap; Rebecca Rose; Gertrude Nielsen; Wallace G. Styron; Nancy Salter; and Mary Elizabeth Willis. Front Row seated l. to r.: Dewey Mason; Vernon Mason; Eunice Rose; Grace Nielsen; Polly Taylor; Emma Styron; Nellie Willis; Warden Lewis; Harvey Salter; Sally Jane Willis; Nora Salter; Elvin Salter; Arthur Mason; David H. Willis; Roxie Lewis; Webster Salter; Dorothy Willis; John Willis; Myrtle Willis; Alvin Willis; James A. Salter; Brown Salter; and Clayton Salter (standing).



Rev. C. C. Brothers
Pastor in 1906

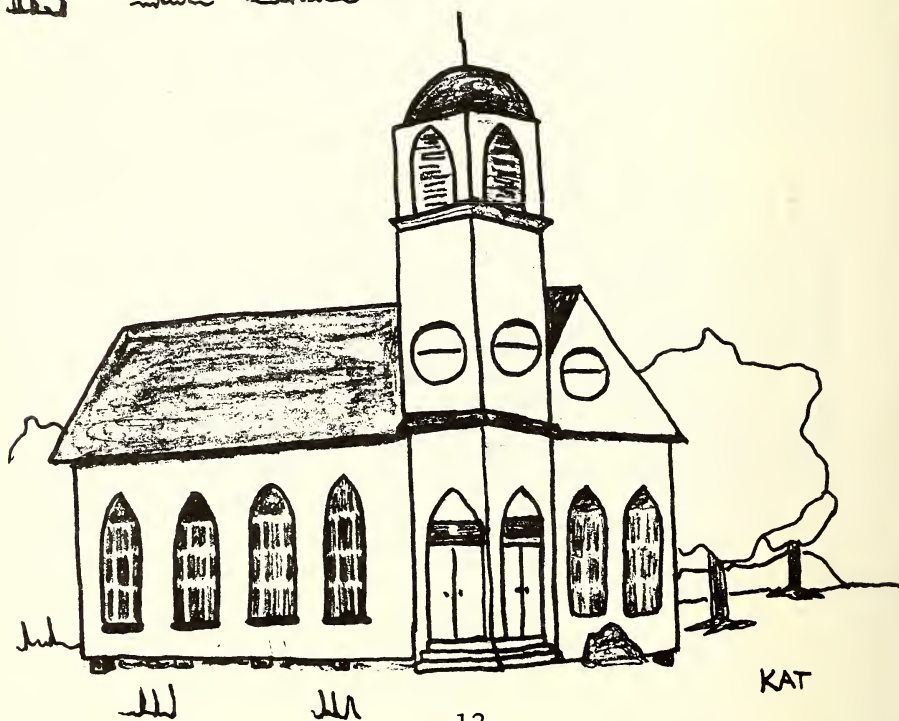
Money was a scarce commodity during the early years of this church and the ministers who served us did so for a very small reward except for a dedication to their calling. On one occasion, when a Presiding Elder was pressing the church for more money, Joseph E. Salter bluntly said, "You must think money grows on trees down here!" It is recalled that one minister only received one dollar for the year.

A decision was made to relocate the church away from the shore and plans were made to build another church building. The old church building by the shore was torn down, but we do not know the year that occurred. However, the land on which a new building would be located was bought in 1907 and it is the land on which our present church building is located.

The deed was made the 26th day of February 1907 between Job Rose and Sabra Rose his wife of Carteret County, N. C., and Methodist Episcopal Church South of the New Bern District in consideration of the sum of twenty-five dollars, a certain tract of land situated in Nelson's Neck, Carteret County, N. C., adjoining the lands of Job Rose, John W. Rose and others, including one-half acre more or less.

The land on which the old church building was located by the shore was conveyed back to the Willis heirs as follows:

Wallace Willis, J. E. Salter and J. W. Rose, trustees of the M. E. Church South, deed to Timothy Willis of Carteret County, April 18, 1913, for \$10.00 a parcel of one-fourth of an acre lying on Core Sound near Nelson's Bay, 62 x 52 x 62 x 52 feet, enclosing a site formerly occupied by the Methodist Church.
Witness: J. R. Morris.
Registered: September 10, 1917.



1914 - 1949

The new church building was built in 1914 by volunteer carpenters of the community and with Mr. Samuel Easton Davis of Marshallberg as the boss carpenter. During construction worship services were held in the Freewill Baptist Church of Sea Level.

The new church building was a white wooden structure with a tall bell steeple. The interior had three archways, a biased ceiling and varnished railings around the chancel. It was lighted with oil lamps until approximately 1925 when a Delco battery lighting system was installed.

This building had two front doors, one door facing the road and a side door looking towards the south. There was also a rear door. Wooden steps extended from the front around the corner to the side door. The tall steeple was struck by lightening in 1927 and thereafter the steeple was remodeled into a dome shape. Heating was a coal/wood stove located in the center aisle. Electricity came to Sea Level in the 1930s and the church was wired for electric lighting at that time.

The bell, which was rung before each Sunday School and worship service, was also rung to alert the people to an emergency such as a house or woods fire.

The inscription on the bell states: "Cast by C. S. Bell Co., Hillsboro, Ohio, Steel Alloy Church Bell." It is 40 inches in diameter, 26 inches high, and 3 inches

thick on the striking surface. The wheel which operates the bell is 48 inches in diameter. The approximate weight of the bell is in excess of 2000 pounds, and it was hauled from the landing to the building site by a team of oxen owned by Frank Small. The bell contains a death-knell clapper which in earlier times would be sounded to toll the number of years of life of the deceased when a death occurred in the community. The same bell is in the steeple of our present brick church.

For many years the people referred to this church building as Mann's Chapel but as time passed by, the name was dropped and today it is no longer used.

Rev. W. E. Hocutt was our pastor in 1917, 1918 and 1919. He sent an Annual Report to the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference, dated December 5, 1917, for the Atlantic-Straits Charge, which included the churches of Atlantic, Mann's Chapel, Springfield, Summerfield, and Tabernacle.

In answer to a question: Is the expense of living higher or lower?, Rev. Hocutt answered: "Much higher. No place for gardens. Cabbage 7 cents per pound. Irish potatoes 8 cents per pound. Firewood \$6 per cord. No gifts of any foodstuff to the preacher. High house rent." In answer to the question: Describe unoccupied territories, Rev. Hocutt answered: "Cedar Island has no Methodist Church. It is in the hands of the Primitive Baptists."



Sunday School in 1934

Back Row, 1. to r.: Gaynelle Salter; Mildred Taylor and Leona Gaskill.

Second Row, 1. to r.: Woodrow Tosto; Audrey Salter; Clara Belle Taylor; Robena Carolyn Mason; Lydia Ann Mason; Leola Elliott; and Weldon Salter.

Third Row, 1. to r.: Hugh Salter; Harrell C. Taylor, Jr.; Velma Taylor; Carolina Willis; Alma Mae Salter; Reba Salter; Joseph E. Salter; and Roy Hamilton.

Fourth Row, 1. to r.: Mabel Willis; Elva Salter; Harvey Taylor, Jr.; Braxton Taylor; Delphia Tosto; Hilda Salter; Hershell Allen Taylor; Dovie Salter, secretary; and Joseph Lane Salter, superintendent.

Small children in front: Mildon Lewis; Hilton Lee Taylor; Francis Willis; Louise Lewis; Orville Willis; Margaret Salter; Eunice Evelyn Hill; Ramona Salter (hidden); Georgia Pauline Howard; Varena Taylor; Gilda Salter; Naomi Salter; Eldred Gordon Taylor; and Velma Elliott. Kneeling: Rev. R. W. Barfield, pastor.

At this time in the history of our church we had a very active Sunday School with regular attendance by the young people and with Mr. Joseph Lane Salter as the superintendent.

The women have played a very important role in this church. They have been dedicated workers for the Lord in all phases of church work. They have been active in the Ladies' Aid Society, The Woman's Society of Christian Service, and they are active today in The United Methodist Women. They have raised money for the church in many ways such as having box suppers, making up plays and performing here and in nearby communities (when a good time was had by all), selling hand-made crafts, handbags and various household items. Today we thank God for their love for this church.



Vacation Church School June 1945
Herman S. Winberry, Director
C. Manus Mitchell, Minister

Because the church had suffered some damage in the hurricane of 1933, it had to be braced on the outside and additional rafters were placed under the roof. Therefore, due to deterioration of the building, a decision was made in the late 1940s to replace the white wooden building with a new brick building to be located on the same site.

At a meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, May 10, 1939, the three major branches of the church, that is, The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and The Methodist Protestant Church were united and thereafter called The Methodist Church.

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1950 - 1982

The old wooden building was torn down with the members of the church and volunteers from the community assisting including the women of the church and the pastor, Rev. Charles W. Wooten.

While the work of dismantling and construction was underway, worship services and Sunday School were held in the Sea Level Elementary School building (which was destroyed by fire in 1955).

In 1952 additional land was purchased from U. L. Rose and Blanche Rose, his wife, and Virginia Rose Hamilton and Allen Hamilton, her husband, adjoining the church property containing two-fifth acre more or less.

The task of rebuilding the church was undertaken by a building committee composed of Herbert Salter, chairman; Preston Williamson; James Styron; Jasper Daniels, Tom Styron; John W. Rose; and Dovie Willis, secretary-treasurer.

Plans for the building were drawn by Herbert Salter, and the blueprints were approved by John R. Valentine AIA, Marshallberg, N. C.

The contractors were Hugh and Ronald Styron with their father, Clyde Styron, assisting. Herbert Salter supervised the work and participated in the construction. The beautiful detail of the woodwork in the sanctuary is a testament to the fine work done by Herbert and the Styrons.

A time capsule containing information about the church and the times was placed in the cornerstone of the building. The lighted painting of The Face of Christ, "Inspiration," which is located above the front door, was painted by Samuel Davis of Harker's Island.

The first service in the new brick church was held on Easter Sunday in 1954. The building was dedicated as The Sea Level Methodist Church on July 10, 1955 by Rev. H. K. King, District Superintendent. Rev. Louie A. Lewis was our pastor at that time.

Many donations of money, material and volunteer help were received during construction of this brick building which enabled the congregation to build it without taking out a mortgage.

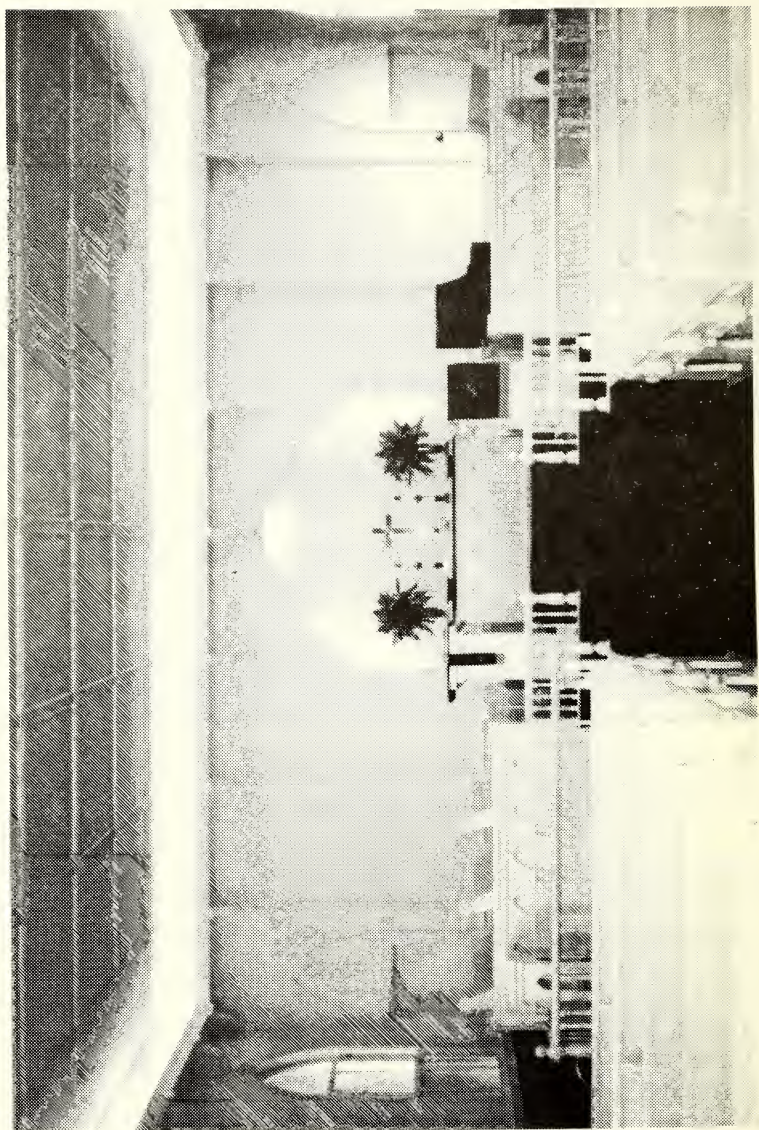


The Building Committee at the dedication
of the church - July 10, 1955

Back row, 1. to r.: James Styron, Jasper Daniels and Tom Styron.

Second row, 1. to r.: John W. Rose; Rev. Louie A. Lewis, pastor; and Rev. C. Manus Mitchell, former pastor.

Front row, 1. to r.: Rev. C. W. Wooten, former pastor; Rev. Hiram K. King, district superintendent; Herbert Salter, chairman; Dovie Willis, secretary-treasurer; and Preston Williamson.



In Passing

It was noted after the building of the present church building that one of the members had contributed more than one hundred dollars in pennies, nickles, dimes and quarters to the building fund. According to today's standards, this could be considered a small amount, but it can be compared to "the widow's mite."

Roy Hamilton, the son of James and Minnie Hamilton, and now deceased, was a faithful and a trusted member of this church who joined and was baptized in 1948 by Rev. C. Manus Mitchell.

The second wooden church building was heated by a wood heater and later by a coal heater. For the wood heater, Roy would go into the woods and gather light-wood for kindling the fire. He also lighted the fire and kept the stove burning during the church services.

Although Roy was not endowed with a normal mental capacity or with many of this world's treasures or worldly goods, in passing he did his part towards his church far beyond anyone's expectations; and he found friends and happiness here.

by Weldon Salter

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In 1956 the Sea Level-Cedar Island Charge purchased the house and land adjoining the church property on the south to be used as a parsonage. The property was purchased from Audrey Salter Fink and her husband, Merrill O. Fink, on

October 27, 1956. The Stacy Methodist Church joined the charge in 1957. Pastors who have lived in the parsonage are Thomas Swofford, W. R. Hale, J. W. Lineberger, Jr., J. Hillary Bryant, L. R. Harris, George B. Eubanks, and H. H. Cash.



Sunday School 1955

After the Cedar Island United Methodist Church became a station church, and the Sea Level United Methodist Church was placed on a charge with the Williston United Methodist Church in 1973, a decision was made by the Sea Level, Cedar Island and Stacy churches to sell the parsonage property. Therefore, the

property was sold in January 1976 to Eugene Smith and wife of Raleigh, N. C.

In 1955-1956 officers of the church were: Stewards: Jasper Daniels, Clayton Salter, Elva Salter, Preston Williamson and H. Byrd Willis. Trustees: John W. Rose, James Styron, Tom Styron, and Honorary: Allen Hamilton. Communion Steward: Mrs. Herbert Salter. Treasurer: Mrs. Roland Willis.

The young people have been active during the life of this church through their participation in the Sunday School and the Methodist Youth Fellowship. The tradition of having a Christmas program and a tree, which began in Mann's Chapel, has been carried on down through the years.

When Rev. H. H. Cash was pastor (1969-1973) a Youth Choir was organized by Careda Salter, who has been our pianist for many years. The choir was a great pleasure to the congregation and to Mr. Cash who would beam with pride as they sang. The Youth Choir continued to sing for us during the time when Rev. W. Douglas Lamb was our pastor (1974-1978).

The members of the choir were: Kimberly Styron, Tracy Taylor, Teana Beacham, James Willis, Donna Willis, Carol Ann Styron, Lura Gail Taylor, Carlton Styron, Cindy Daniels, Kevin Daniels, Kay Taylor, Debra Willis, Angela Taylor and Stephen Daniels.

During the one hundred years of this church fifty-five different pastors have served us and we thank God for them.

Rev. James G. Lupton stated in the Report of Pastor March 16, 1957:

"I have enjoyed my work in the Sea Level charge this year. Through and by the grace of God we sincerely believe something for the Kingdom of God has been done. Thank you one and all for your cooperation this year. May you go forward in the wisdom and knowledge of our Heavenly Father, not forgetting that all things work together for good for them that love the Lord. Thank you and God bless you one and all."

Rev. W. R. Hale stated in the Report of Pastor April 13, 1958:

"This report is far from what I would like it to be, but I think in a few days we will all see a big change. I don't think we will have a barren church. I will be out on the job in a few days. I don't think the people here will let me down and I don't think they will let the Lord down. We have some good people here and by Conference you will see a change."

In 1960 Rev. J. W. Lineberger, Jr. reported to the Conference that the Sea Level church had 70 members. Sunday School had a membership of 41 with an average attendance of 34.

The Sunday School has been a very important part of the mission of this church since it was first organized.

Sunday School superintendents who have served are: Weinstein Lewis, Edward Nielsen, Kelly Mason, John W. Rose, John A. Styron, Joseph Lane Salter, Dovie Willis, Jasper Daniels, Aldridge Daniels, Maurice Willis and Dovie Willis.



Sunday School 1966

Top to bottom, left to right:
Stephen Daniels, Tommy Neal Beacham,
Clay Gillikin, Michael Taylor,
Mitchell Taylor, Gracie Gillikin,
Belinda Salter, Angela Taylor, Kevin
Daniels, Tracy Taylor, Teana Beacham,
Cindy Daniels and Kay Taylor.

Teachers who have worked in the
Sunday School are: John W. Rose, Mabel
Willis, Delphia Tosto, Caroline Golden
Willis, Elva Salter, Dovie Willis,

James Styron, Weldon Salter, Betty Daniels, Kathryn Taylor, Clara B. McGirk and Angela Taylor.

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The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethern Church were merged into one denomination in 1968 and thereafter called The United Methodist Church.

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In 1980 a restroom addition was added to the rear of the church building. This project had been planned for several years and money contributed to a building fund for that purpose. When the fund became adequate, a contract was entered into with Joseph Owens of Marshallberg who was assisted by Donald Hadder of Gloucester. The work was completed in August 1980.

In 1982 the officers of the church are:

Chairman of Administrative Board: Clyde W. McGirk

Lay Leader: Weldon Salter.

Treasurer: Weldon Salter.

Chairperson of Council on Ministries: Clara B. McGirk.

Sunday School Ministries: Dovie Willis, Kathryn Taylor, Cathy Flood, Marie Fulcher and Angela Taylor.

Superintendent of Sunday School: Dovie Willis.

Youth Member, Council on Ministries: Lura Gail Taylor.

Secretary of Enlistment: Marie Fulcher
Administrative Board Members at Large:
Mildon Lewis, Delphia Tosto and
Angeline Taylor.
Health and Welfare Representative:
Angeline Taylor.
Pastor-Parish Committee: Dovie Willis and
Weldon Salter.
Finance Committee: Weldon Salter, Clyde W.
McGirk, Clara B. McGirk and Betty
Daniels.
Trustees: Weldon Salter, Perry Willis and
Clyde W. McGirk.
Youth Member, Administrative Board:
Teana Beacham.
Committee on Nominations: Pastor, Betty
Daniels, Marie Fulcher and
Careda Salter.
Records and History Committee: Nettie
Salter, Angeline Taylor and Dovie
Willis.
Christian Advocate: Elva Salter.
Music Committee: Careda Salter, Clara B.
McGirk and Pastor.
Communion Steward: Careda Salter.
Ushers: Clyde W. McGirk and Mildon Lewis.
Auditor: Clyde W. McGirk.

In 1982 the officers of the United
Methodist Women are:
President: Grace Salter
Vice President: Clara B. McGirk
Treasurer: Elva Salter
Secretary: Marie Fulcher



Sunday School Nursery/Kindergarten
Class 1982

Janice Leigh Taylor, Karla Flood,
Jamie Hamilton, Holly Beacham and
Grace Marie Hamilton.



Sunday School Adult Class
1982

In the foreground is
Mrs. Nettie Salter,
the oldest member of this
church. She has been a
member since 1904.

IN SUMMARY, during one hundred years the members of this church have built three church buildings without taking out a mortgage. There have been 225 members during that time and 55 pastors have served us. There have been periods of growth and times of stagnation. This church has always been on a charge with other churches, most of the time with the Atlantic Methodist Church.

We did not have a worship service every Sunday morning until Rev. W. Douglas Lamb became our pastor (1974-1978) when a 9:00 a.m. worship service was scheduled.

In 1982 we have 40 members and a 9:30 a.m. worship service every Sunday except the fifth Sunday, and two evening worship services during a month.

Our GOLDEN AGE MEMBERS, those who have been a member for at least fifty years, are:

Nettie Salter has been a member for 78 years.

H. Byrd Willis has been a member for 68 years.

Angeline Taylor has been a member for 59 years.

Florence Salter has been a member for 59 years.

Blanch Willis has been a member for 59 years.

Ellen Rose has been a member for 59 years.

Arletta Willis Mason, who died July 6, 1982, had been a member for 75 years.

PRESIDING ELDERS

1881-1884	J. E. Mann
1885-1887	J. T. Harris
1888-1889	R. A. Willis
1890-1891	W. S. Rone
1892-1895	F. D. Swindell
1896-1899	W. S. Rone
1900-1903	F. D. Swindell
1904-1905	E. H. Davis
1906	M. Bradshaw
1907-1910	R. F. Bumpas
1911-1914	J. E. Underwood
1915-1918	J. B. Hurley
1919-1922	F. M. Shamburger
1923-1926	J. C. Wooten
1927-1930	Walter Patten
1931	J. H. McCracken
1932-1935	T. M. Grant
1936-1938	E. L. Hillman

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

1939-1944	J. A. Russell
1945-1950	B. B. Slaughter
1951-1955	H. K. King
1956-1961	A. J. Hobbs
1962-1967	R. Grady Dawson
1968-1972	C. H. Mercer
1973-1977	H. F. Leatherman
1978-1979	Reginald W. Ponder
1980-	J. Malloy Owen, III

MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED US

Pamlico Mission

1881-1882 B. Hancock

Core Sound Mission

1883-1884	T. J. Browning
1885	E. D. Hoover
1886	T. J. Browning
1887	Daniel Reid
1888	J. W. Gurganus
1889-1891	Joseph Dixon
1892-1893	Joseph M. Carraway
1894	J. W. Wallace
1895	No one listed
1896-1897	Joseph M. Carraway
1898	R. T. Wyche
1899	Joseph M. Carraway
1900	Lawrence O. Wyche
	C. A. Roy
1901	C. P. Snow
1902	C. K. Pool
1903	L. E. Sawyer

Atlantic Circuit

1904	T. W. Mansfield
1905	E. W. Reed
1906	C. C. Brothers
1907-1909	F. S. Becton
1910	W. A. Forbes
1911-1912	E. D. Dodd
1913-1915	Z. D. Pyatt
1916	F. A. Lupton

Atlantic-Straits Circuit

1917 W. E. Hocutt

MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED US (cont'd)

Straits-Atlantic Circuit

1918-1919 W. E. Hocutt

Ocracoke-Atlantic Circuit

1920 M. B. Cox

Atlantic-Sea Level Charge

1921 To be supplied

1922-1923 E. J. Lewis

1924 Joseph M. Carraway

1925 C. W. Wilson

Atlantic-Sea Level-Straits

1926 E. B. Bell, supply

E. W. Glass,
supernumerary

Atlantic-Sea Level Charge

1927-1928 W. T. Cheek

Atlantic-Springfield (Williston)

1929 W. T. Cheek

1930 E. L. Hill

Atlantic Charge

1931-1932 E. L. Hill

1933-1934 R. W. Barfield

1935-1936 W. J. Freeman

1937 W. R. Hardesty

1938-1939 O. W. Mathison

1940-1944 L. D. Hayman

1944-1948 C. Manus Mitchell

Clyde Hendrix

MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED US (cont'd)

Atlantic Charge

1948-1949	R. C. Goodchild
1950-1951	C. W. Wooten
1952-1953	Edgar W. Downum
1954-1955	Louie A. Lewis

Sea Level-Cedar Island-Portsmouth

1955-1956	Thomas Swofford
1956-1957	James G. Lupton

Sea Level-Cedar Island-Stacy

1957-1958	W. R. Hale
1959-1960	J. W. Lineberger, Jr.
1960-1963	J. Hillary Bryant
1964-1965	Linwood R. Harris
1965-1966	George B. Eubanks
1966-1/'69	E. H. Overman
2/69-3/69	Grady Wheeler, supply
1969-1973	H. H. Cash

Williston-Sea Level-Stacy

1973-1974	R. W. Gradeless
1974-1978	W. Douglas Lamb
1978-1979	Ted Garrett

Cedar Island-Sea Level

1979-	Thomas B. Supplee
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MARRIAGES 1882 - 1982

William H. Rose and Amanda Willis were married in Mann's Chapel April 11, 1903 by Rev. L. E. Sawyer.

Elijah Salter and Nettie Lewis were married in Mann's Chapel October 5, 1907 by Rev. F. S. Becton.

Melvin Willis and Mamie D. Salter were married in the home of the bride October 5, 1907 by Rev. F. S. Becton.

Milton Lupton and Gertrude Nielsen were married in the home of the bride February 6, 1909 by Rev. F. S. Becton.

William M. Gaskill and Etta Mae Hill were married at the Atlantic Methodist Church parsonage December 28, 1912 by Rev. Zeb Pyatt.

B. F. Willis and Nancy Nelson were married December 28, 1914 by Rev. Zeb Pyatt (the place not recorded in record).

Elvin Salter and Bethel Morris were married in the home of the bride May 17, 1914 by Rev. Zeb Pyatt.

Calvin Taylor and Roxie Lewis were married in B. F. Small's store May 31, 1914 by Rev. Zeb Pyatt.

Michael Sorovich and Stella Gaskill were married in the church August 10, 1917 by Rev. W. E. Hocutt.

MARRIAGES 1882-1982 (cont'd)

Joseph Salter and Ena Gaskill were married in the home of the bride October 8, 1927 by Rev. W. T. Cheek.

Harry Q. Simmons and Mildred Jewell Taylor were married in the home of the bride April 3, 1945 by Rev. C. Manus Mitchell.

Clyde W. McGirk and Clara Belle Taylor were married in the church July 25, 1947 by Rev. C. Manus Mitchell.

Major Salter and Evelyn Fulcher were married in the home of Mabel Willis December 2, 1950 by Rev. C. Manus Mitchell.

Roger Garland Salter and Colleen Taylor were married in the Atlantic Methodist Church parsonage October 23, 1953 by Rev. Edgar W. Downum.

Donald Fulcher and Evelyn Gaskill were married in the church August 24, 1957 by Rev. Louie A. Lewis.

James Bryan Griffin and Sally Mae Tosto were married in the church August 29, 1959 by Rev. J.W. Lineberger, Jr.

Maurice Willis and Alma Mae Salter were married in the church December 17, 1961 by Rev. J. Hillary Bryant.

W. Carey Van Sant and Hilda Willis Every were married in the church March 23, 1967 by Rev. E. H. Overman.

MARRIAGES 1882-1982 (cont'd)

Stewart Pigott and Clarice Frances Elliott were married in the church June 23, 1967 by Rev. E. H. Overman.

Gary Flood and Cathy Louise Beacham were married in the church September 3, 1973 by Rev. R. W. Gradeless.

Marion Francis Dudley, Jr. and Gracie Lynette Gillikin were married in the church June 10, 1975 by Rev. W. Douglas Lamb.

Michael Darryl Tosto and Deborah Kay Willis were married in the church August 29, 1975 by Rev. W. Douglas Lamb.

D. Errol Taylor and Angela Taylor were married in the church April 17, 1976 by Rev. Edgar F. Seymour.

REGISTER OF INFANT BAPTISMS

Melissa Jane Lewis, the infant daughter of Freeman Lewis and Mariam Lewis, was baptized 20 May 1891 by Rev. Joseph Dixon.

Alvin Willis, the infant son of James Willis and Isabelle Willis, was baptized 8 June 1891 by Rev. Joseph Dixon.

Robert M. Willis, the infant son of Riley Willis and Bethena Willis, was baptized 8 June 1891 by Rev. Joseph Dixon.

REGISTER OF INFANT BAPTISMS (cont'd)

Burna F. Willis, the infant son of Riley Willis and Bethena Willis, was baptized 8 June 1891 by Rev. Joseph Dixon.

Arletta H. Willis, the infant daughter of Riley Willis and Bethena Willis, was baptized 8 June 1891 by Rev. Joseph Dixon.

Mamie D. Salter, the infant daughter of Joseph Salter and Elizabeth Salter, was baptized 8 June 1891 by Rev. Joseph Dixon.

John G. Willis, the infant son of Fulford Willis and Alvenia Willis, was baptized 18 September 1891 by Rev. Joseph Dixon.

Nettie Wade, the infant daughter of Louetta Wade, was baptized 18 September 1891 by Rev. Joseph Dixon.

Jemima Rose Salter, the infant daughter of Joseph E. Salter and Elizabeth Salter, was baptized 20 October 1892 by Rev. W. S. Rone, Presiding Elder.

Norwood Paul, the infant son of W. T. Paul, M.D. and Lydia A. Paul, was baptized 20 October 1892 by Rev. W. S. Rone, Presiding Elder.

Gertrude R. Nielsen, the infant daughter of Edward Nielsen and Euphemia Nielsen, was baptized 12 July 1896 by Rev. Joseph M. Carraway.

REGISTER OF INFANT BAPTISMS (cont'd)

Susan Olive Nielsen, the infant daughter of Edward Nielsen and Euphemia Nielsen, was baptized 12 July 1896 by Rev. Joseph M. Carraway.

Gracie Darling Nielsen, the infant daughter of Edward Nielsen and Euphemia Nielsen, was baptized 12 July 1896 by Rev. Joseph M. Carraway.

Sarah H. Salter, the infant daughter of R. J. Salter and Sarah H. Salter, was baptized 15 July 1896 by Rev. Joseph M. Carraway.

Nellie G. Willis, the infant daughter of Fulford Willis and Alvenia Willis, was baptized 15 July 1896 by Rev. Joseph M. Carraway.

Horace L. Lewis, the infant son of Weinstein Lewis and Polly Ann Lewis, was baptized 9 November 1902 by Rev. T. W. Mansfield.

Earl Lewis, the infant son of John W. Lewis and Louetta Lewis, was baptized 30 November 1902 by Rev. T. W. Mansfield.

Luther Daniel Lewis, the infant son of John W. Lewis and Louetta Lewis, was baptized 30 November 1902 by Rev. T. W. Mansfield.

Julius Dona Lewis, the infant son of John W. Lewis and Louetta Lewis, was baptized 30 November 1902 by Rev. T. W. Mansfield.

REGISTER OF INFANT BAPTISMS (cont'd)

Donald Willis, the infant son of Fulford Willis and Alvenia Willis, was baptized 16 August 1903 by Rev. F. D. Swindell, Presiding Elder.

Newman Lewis, infant son of Weinstein Lewis and Polly Ann Lewis, was baptized 11 November 1904 by Rev. Joseph M. Carraway for Rev. T. W. Mansfield.

Lottie Mason, the infant daughter of Kelly Mason and Arletta Mason, was baptized 11 November 1914 by Rev. Zeb Pyatt.

William Mason, the infant son of Kelly Mason and Arletta Mason, was baptized 11 November 1914 by Rev. Zeb Pyatt.

Cathy Louise Beacham, the infant daughter of Durwood Beacham and Helen Louise Beacham, was baptized 12 June 1955 by Rev. Louie A. Lewis.

Michael Braxton Taylor, infant son of Braxton Taylor and Kathryn Taylor, was baptized 21 October 1956 by Rev. Louie A. Lewis.

Mitchell Gordon Taylor, infant son of Braxton Taylor and Kathryn Taylor, was baptized 21 October 1956 by Rev. Louie A. Lewis.

Thomas Neal Beacham, the infant son of Durwood Beacham and Helen Louise Beacham, was baptized 21 April 1957 by Rev. James G. Lupton.

REGISTER OF INFANT BAPTISMS (cont'd)

Clayton Moore Gillikin, the infant son of Sterling M. Gillikin and Bernice P. Gillikin, was baptized 16 June 1957 by Rev. James G. Lupton.

Stephen Gray Daniels, the infant son of Aldridge Daniels and Betty Lou Daniels, was baptized 7 May 1961 by Rev. J. Hillary Bryant.

Cynthia Lynn Daniels, the infant daughter of Aldridge Daniels and Betty Lou Daniels, was baptized 7 May 1961 by Rev. J. Hillary Bryant.

Kevin Gold Daniels, the infant son of Aldridge Daniels and Betty Lou Daniels, was baptized 5 May 1963 by Rev. J. Hillary Bryant.

Jane Wyman Daniels, the infant daughter of Perry Willis and Violet Jane Willis, was baptized 7 May 1967 by Rev. E. H. Overman.

Mary Lou Taylor, the infant daughter of Sammy Taylor and Paula Taylor, was baptized 16 March 1969 by Rev. E. H. Overman.

Kimberly Dawn Willis, the infant daughter of Perry Willis and Jeannine Willis, was baptized 15 April 1979 by Rev. Ted Garrett.

Cynthia Ray Willis, the infant daughter of Perry Willis and Jeannine Willis, was baptized 15 April 1979 by Rev. Ted Garrett.

The membership roll was taken from the church records and lists the names of people who have been a member of this church, or who is now a member, during one hundred years. Some of the names in the oldest record do not show a year or a pastor and therefore they are listed as shown. *indicates current membership.

MEMBERSHIP ROLL 1882-1982

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year-Pastor</u>
John W. Lewis	1883-Browning
Melissa D. Lewis	
Wilson Salter	
Rachael A. Salter	1884-Browning
Mary Salter	
Bethena Willis	
Fulford Willis	
Alvenia Willis	1884-Browning
Julia Salter	1884-Browning
Catherine Salter	
Margaret Salter	
Elizabeth Salter	1883
Samuel Salter	
Joseph E. Salter	1883-Browning
Richard J. Salter	1883-Browning
Sarah H. Salter	1883-Browning
Dianna Salter	1884
Weinstein Lewis	1887-Reid
Mary Ann or Mariam Lewis	1890
Mary Nelson	
Henry S. Willis	
Lovey Willis	
Garrison Lewis	
Polly Lewis	
Frances Willis	
Rachael Styron	1890-Dixon
Isabelle Willis	1890-Dixon

MEMBERSHIP ROLL 1882-1982(cont'd)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year-Pastor</u>
Evalina Lewis	1890-Dixon
Elizabeth Willis	1890-Dixon
Elizabeth Salter	1890
Mary Ann F. Lewis	1890
James Willis	1890
Nehemiah Davis	
Hedric Willis	
Penny Harris	
Mitchell Willis	
Riley Willis	
Louetta Wade Lewis	1891-Dixon
Zachariah Willis	
Freeman Lewis	1891
Nancy Ella Salter	1894-Carraway
Leah F. Salter	1896-Carraway
Melvina Salter	1896-Carraway
Bartelet Salter	1896-Carraway
Ernest Salter	1896-Carraway
James T. Salter	1896-Carraway
William A. Salter	1896-Carraway
Joseph Salter	1896-Carraway
Micajah Rose	1896-Carraway
Washington Gaskill	1896-Carraway
John H. Salter	1896-Carraway
Joseph Lane Salter	1896-Carraway
Claudia Fulcher	1896-Carraway
Mary Taylor	1896-Carraway
Elizabeth Gaskill	1896-Carraway
Edward Willis	1896-Carraway
Kilby Salter	1896-Carraway
Caroline Willis	1896-Carraway
Minnie D. Styron	1896-Carraway
John W. Rose	1896-Carraway
Wallace Willis	1896-Carraway
John W. Styron	1896-Carraway
John W. Salter	1896-Carraway

MEMBERSHIP ROLL 1882-1982(cont'd)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year-Pastor</u>
Emily Rose	1896-Carraway
Freeman Salter	1896-Carraway
Joseph W. Gaskill	1896-Carraway
Sarah Hamilton	1896-Carraway
Henry Willis	1896-Carraway
Edward Nielsen	1896-Carraway
Florida Hamilton	1896-Carraway
Alex Hamilton	1896-Carraway
Mollie Willis	1896-Carraway
Mary Rose	1896-Carraway
Wallace Hamilton	1896-Carraway
Mamie D. Salter	1897-Carraway
Hannah Davis	1897-Carraway
Martha Fulcher	1897-Carraway
Lola D. Salter	1898-Carraway
Lydia A. Gaskill	1898-Carraway
Alvin R. Harris	1898-Carraway
Redin J. Harris	1898-Carraway
Fulford Willis	1898-Carraway
Carrie Styron	1898-Carraway
Euphemia Nielsen	1898-Carraway
Robert Willis	1898
Josephine Small	1898-Carraway
B. F. Small	1899
*Nettie C. Lewis	1904-Mansfield/ Carraway
Mary Carson Lewis	1904
Gertrude R. Nielsen	1904-Mansfield/ Carraway
Mollie H. Salter	1904-Mansfield/ Carraway
Alvenia Salter	1904-Mansfield/ Carraway
Freeman Lewis	1905-E. W. Reed
John A. Styron	1906
Kelley Mason	1907-Becton
Pernham Salter	1907-Becton

MEMBERSHIP ROLL 1882-1982(cont'd)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year-Pastor</u>
Bertha Willis	1907-Becton
Sarah Helen Salter	1907-Becton
Sophronia Salter	1907-Becton
Arletta Mason	1907-Becton
Dorothy Willis	1911-Dodd
Roxie Taylor	1911-Dodd
Emily Tosto	1911-Becton
Polly Ann Lewis	1913-Pyatt
Kate Salter	1914-Pyatt
Andrew L. Fulcher	1914-Pyatt
Robert B. Howard	1914-Pyatt
Myrtle Howard	1914-Pyatt
Joseph W. Davis	1914-Pyatt
Wallace G. Styron	1914-Pyatt
Browning Salter	1914-Pyatt
Viola Gaskill	1914-Pyatt
Nancy Willis	1914-Pyatt
Allen Hamilton	1914-Pyatt
Bernice F. Willis	1914-Pyatt
Elijah Salter	1914-Pyatt
Mary Etta Styron	1914-Pyatt
Melissa Jane Salter	1914-Pyatt
Howard Fulcher	1914-Pyatt
*Berdie Willis	1914-Pyatt
Harry Hamilton	1914-Pyatt
Leonard Robinson	1914-Pyatt
Nancy Salter	1914-Pyatt
Ephrain Willis	1916-Lupton
Mrs. John Styron	1917-Hocutt
J. E. English	1918-Hocutt
Alettia English	1918-Hocutt
Mabel Fulcher	1919-Hocutt
Georgia Salter	1919-Hocutt
Della Salter	1919-Hocutt
Mariam Rose	1919-Hocutt
Nora Salter	1919-Hocutt

MEMBERSHIP ROLL 1882-1982(cont'd)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year-Pastor</u>
Margaret Willis	1919-Hocutt
Clayton Salter	1922-E.J.Lewis
Nancy Fulcher	1922-E.J.Lewis
Adell Salter	1922-E.J.Lewis
Kate Salter	1922-E.J.Lewis
Stanford Jackson	1922-E.J.Lewis
Tamur Jackson	1923-E.J.Lewis
*Ellen Tosto	1923-E.J.Lewis
Lina Salter	1923-E.J.Lewis
Veda Hamilton	1923-E.J.Lewis
*Blanch Tosto	1923-E.J.Lewis
*Florence Tosto	1923-E.J.Lewis
Ruth Hamilton	1923-E.J.Lewis
Gordie Styron	1923-E.J.Lewis
Allen Hamilton, Jr.	1923-E.J.Lewis
Sabra Salter	1923-E.J.Lewis
Willie Rose	1923-E.J.Lewis
Blanche Rose	1923-E.J.Lewis
Alvah Taylor	1923-E.J.Lewis
*Angeline Taylor	1923-E.J.Lewis
Thomas Styron	1923-E.J.Lewis
Alice Hamilton	1923-E.J.Lewis
*Elva Salter	1935-Freeman/ Rogers
*Delphia Tosto	1935-Freeman/ Rogers
*Dovie Willis	1935-Freeman/ Rogers
*Nina Williamson	1935-Freeman/ Rogers
Preston Williamson	1935-Freeman/ Rogers
Jasper Daniels	1935-Freeman/ Rogers
Charlie P. Howard	1936-Freeman

MEMBERSHIP ROLL 1882-1982(cont'd)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year-Pastor</u>
*Marie R. Fulcher	1945-Mitchell
*Careda M. Salter	1945-Mitchell
Herbert Salter	1945-Mitchell
Lois Carolyn Rose	1946-Mitchell
*Janice L. Rose	1946-Mitchell
*Helen Louise Williamson	1946-Mitchell
Lura Jean Salter	1947-Mitchell
Eldred Gordon Taylor	1947-Mitchell
Evelyn Marie Fulcher	1947-Mitchell
Betty Mildred Gaskill	1947-Mitchell
Virginia Lewis Hamilton	1947-Mitchell
*Inez Gaskill Salter	1947-Mitchell
James G. Styron	1947-Mitchell
*Roger Garland Salter	1948-Mitchell
Roy Hamilton	1948-Mitchell
Ellen June Howard	1948-Mitchell
Sidney Salter Mason	1948-Mitchell
Lydia Ann Mason Salter	1948-Mitchell
Elwarren Salter	1950-Goodchild
Herbert Dickenson	1951-Wooten
*Lydia Ann Smith Willis	1952-Wooten
*Bernice Pearl Salter	1953-Downum
Sylvia Jean Salter	1953-Downum
*Sally Mae Tosto	1953-Downum
*Gaynelle Salter Styron	1953-Downum
*Weldon Salter	1953-Downum
*Grace Gaskill Salter	1953-Downum
Elvin Salter	1953-Downum
*Daphne Taylor Elliott	1954-Lewis
*Alma Mae Salter	1955-Lewis
William Duke	1955-Lewis
Bobby Clyde Rose	1955-Lewis
Clyde Rose	1955-Lewis
Joyce Carol Willis	1955-Lewis
Johnnie Elliott	1956-Lupton
*Clarice F. Elliott	1956-Lupton

MEMBERSHIP ROLL 1882-1982(cont'd)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year-Pastor</u>
Sterling M. Gillikin	1956-Lupton
*Kathryn Willis Taylor	1957-Lupton
Gertrude Lupton	1957-Hale
Edward Milton Lupton	1958-Hale
Grace Nielsen Babbitt	1960-Lineberger
Aldridge Gray Daniels	1961-Bryant
*Betty Lou Daniels	1961-Bryant
Maurice R. Willis	1962-Bryant
Claudia Frances Salter	1964-Bryant
*Dorothy English	1964-Bryant
*Stella Mae Salter	1966-Eubanks
John G. Styron	1969-Overman
*Mildon Lewis	1969-Overman
*Paula Willis Taylor	1969-Overman
*Gracie Lynette Gillikin	1969-Cash
*Clayton M. Gillikin	1969-Cash
*Belinda Dawn Salter	1971-Cash
*Stephen Gray Daniels	1972-Cash
*Cynthia Lynn Daniels	1972-Cash
*Clyde W. McGirk	1974-Lamb
*Clara B. McGirk	1974-Lamb
William Henry Smith	1974-Lamb
*Viena Fulcher Smith	1974-Lamb
James Edward Tosto	1976-Lamb
Barbara Jean Tosto	1976-Lamb
*Perry Wyman Willis	1976-Lamb
Jeannine Willis	1976-Lamb
Ruby T. Thompson	1979-Supplee

APPENDIX A

This deed made the 17th day of October A.D. 1882 by Henry S. Willis and Lovey Willis, his wife, of Carteret County, North Carolina, to W. B. Hancock, M. R. Fulcher, Wallace Willis, Robert Whitehurst and S. W. Hancock, trustees of church property of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Pamlico Mission, Newbern District, North Carolina Conference of said church

WITNESSETH that the said Henry S. Willis & wife Lovey Willis for and in consideration of one dollar paid have bargained and sold and by those present do bargain sell and convey unto the said W. B. Hancock, M. R. Fulcher, Wallace Willis, Robert Whitehurst & S. W. Hancock and their successors (trustees in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned) a certain piece or parcel of land in said county and state lying on Core Sound near Nelsons Bay and embracing the site occupied formerly by the house of Stephen Willis, son of Henry and Lovey Willis, his wife, and bounded as follows:

beginning at a stake at the edge of pine grove and at the fence of said Henry Willis and runs north sixty two feet to a stake, thence west fifty two feet to a stake, thence south sixty two feet to a stake, and thence east fifty two feet to a stake at the beginning containing one fourth of an acre, to have and to hold said piece or parcel of land unto the said W. B. Hancock, M. R. Fulcher, Wallace Willis, Robert Whitehurst & S. W. Hancock, trustees as aforesaid and their successors in office in fee simple in trust that

said piece or parcel of land shall be used, kept, maintained & disposed of as a place of Divine Worship for the use of the ministry & membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, subject to the discipline, usage & ministerial appointments of said church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said church of the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated.

And the said Henry S. Willis and wife Lovey Willis for themselves and their heirs covenant and agree to warrant and defend the title of said parcel of land unto said trustees & their successors against the claims of all persons.

In witness whereof the said Henry S. Willis and wife Lovey Willis have hereunto set their hands & seals the day and year above written.

Henry ^{his}
-/- mark S. Willis (SEAL)

Lovey ^{her}
-/- mark Willis (SEAL)

WITNESSES:

W. T. Paul

Registered: January 19th 1883

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We acknowledge with appreciation the information provided to us concerning the history of this church.

Since many of the old records are no longer in existence, and since the records today are quite limited, it would have been impossible to write a history without the recollections of Mrs. Nettie Salter, Mrs. Angeline Taylor, Mrs. Florence Salter, Mrs. Vivian Lewis Fulcher, Mr. Leon Salter and Mr. H. Byrd Willis, as well as information passed down to us by members of the church who are now deceased.

We appreciate the help provided by the North Carolina Conference, The Methodist Building, Raleigh, N. C.; the Carteret County Register of Deeds, Beaufort, N. C.; Rev. Edgar F. Seymour (ret.), Atlantic, N. C.; Rev. Roy Burgess, pastor, Atlantic United Methodist Church, who let us look at old charge records; our pastor, Rev. Tom Supplee; Stephen Daniels for the use of his physical stamina in climbing the steeple to obtain information concerning the bell; Kay Taylor for the use of her sketching talent; and a special thanks to Clara B. McGirk for the many hours of typing and assembling the information.

Weldon Salter

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